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Concerning the effects of the duty on tin upon the export trade of the United States, the writer says on page 79 that this duty placed Russia and Burmah in a better position to compete for the petroleum markets in the East; on the following page he contradicts himself by stating that large firms in the United States, such as the Standard Oil Co., probably benefited from the duty; "since they enjoyed the rebate on re-exported plates they were as well off as they had ever been."

Mr. Jones, in his statistical data, refers to individual years. This relieved him from the necessity of calculating averages for three, five, or ten-year periods; but it is doubtful whether such a method of handling statistics is conducive to an accurate knowledge of tendencies in the development of an industry.

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NEW BOOKS

GREINER, F. *Die Wirtschaft der deutschen Gaswerke.* (Munich: R. Oldenburg. 1914. Pp. 61. 3 M.)

MOORE, A. S. *Linen; from the raw material to the finished product.* (New York: Pitman. 1914. Pp. 132. 75c.)

The transactions of the annual meeting of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers held at Boston, Mass., April 29 and 30, 1914. (Boston: The Assoc. 1914. Pp. 420. \$5.)

Transportation and Communication

The Express Service and Rates. By W. H. CHANDLER. (Chicago: LaSalle Extension University. 1914. Pp. v, 340.)

This is a book of practical information on the service offered by express companies. Although prepared, in one view, for use as a text in courses on transportation, it will prove of great value to all regular users of the express service, and, for that matter, to express agents who wish a comprehensive knowledge of the express transportation service as now organized and of the way to use or render this service most intelligently.

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